

University of Groningen

Status differentiation

Grow, André

IMPORTANT NOTE: You are advised to consult the publisher's version (publisher's PDF) if you wish to cite from it. Please check the document version below.

Document Version

Publisher's PDF, also known as Version of record

Publication date:

2016

[Link to publication in University of Groningen/UMCG research database](#)

Citation for published version (APA):

Grow, A. (2016). *Status differentiation: New insights from agent-based modeling and social network analysis*. [Thesis fully internal (DIV), University of Groningen]. University of Groningen.

Copyright

Other than for strictly personal use, it is not permitted to download or to forward/distribute the text or part of it without the consent of the author(s) and/or copyright holder(s), unless the work is under an open content license (like Creative Commons).

The publication may also be distributed here under the terms of Article 25fa of the Dutch Copyright Act, indicated by the "Taverne" license. More information can be found on the University of Groningen website: <https://www.rug.nl/library/open-access/self-archiving-pure/taverne-amendment>.

Take-down policy

If you believe that this document breaches copyright please contact us providing details, and we will remove access to the work immediately and investigate your claim.

Downloaded from the University of Groningen/UMCG research database (Pure): <http://www.rug.nl/research/portal>. For technical reasons the number of authors shown on this cover page is limited to 10 maximum.

Acknowledgements

During my work on this dissertation, I encountered many people whom I would like to thank for their support, help, and company.

First and foremost, I would like to thank my supervisors Rafael Wittek and Andreas Flache. Without their continuing support and encouragement, this dissertation would never have been realized. Our meetings and discussion were invaluable to the progress of my research and minted my view on sociological science. I am particularly thankful for the freedom they have given me to develop myself as an independent researcher and to learn about new research methods. This had a profound effect on the path of my academic career and I hope that in the future we can continue our collaboration.

I also owe big thanks to the ICS, especially to the members of the Department of Sociology of Groningen University. The discussions in the research group meetings, colloquia, and forum days created a very stimulating atmosphere. I increasingly realize that this should not be taken for granted and I hope that the ICS will be able to maintain this inspiring environment. My research also benefited from the infrastructure that exists in Groningen, in particular from the support of Saskia Simon, Monique Heuvel, and Henry Been, who would always lend me a helping hand in organizational matters. I enjoyed my time in Groningen very much, not least because of the sociable nature of my colleagues there. I especially thank Michael Mäs, Tobias Stark, Beau Oldenburg, and Tali Spiegel for making my years in Groningen so enjoyable.

During my time at the ICS I also had the opportunity to visit other research institutions. In 2011, Károly Takács and Judit Pál invited me to visit the Research Center for Educational and Network Studies of Corvinus University Budapest, Hungary. I would like to thank them for the inspiring time I had in Budapest and for their efforts in organizing and financing my stay. I also would like to thank the other members of the sociology research group at Corvinus University who made my time there unforgettable. In 2012, Karen Cook invited me to visit the Institute for Research in the Social Sciences of Stanford University, USA, where I attended the meetings of the research group on social psychology. I am very thankful for the valuable feedback that I received during these meetings, in particular from Karen Cook, Cecilia Ridgeway, and Shelly Correll.

Collecting the data that I have used in the second part of this dissertation would not have been possible without the help of my colleagues Thomas Kowalewski, Joringel Den Hoedt, and Alona Labun. I am thankful for their time and effort. I also would like to thank the respondents for participating in the survey. I am also very thankful for the Research Center for Educational and Network Studies for giving me access to their data for use in this dissertation.

My way to Groningen started with my Bachelor studies at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf and continued with my Master Studies at Utrecht University. At these Universities I greatly benefited from the supervision of Michael Baurman, Bernhard Miebach, Beate Völker, and Henk Flap. I am particularly grateful for the support of Bernhard Miebach, without whom my studies at Utrecht University would not have been possible. I am also grateful for the additional support by the German Academic Exchange Service for my studies there.

I would also like to thank the members of the assessment committee, Vincent Buskens, Cecilia Ridgeway, and Tom Snijders for taking their time to read and assess this dissertation.

An dieser Stelle möchte ich auch Herbert, Petra, René und Bianca, sowie Tina, Wolfgang und Lisa für ihre Ermutigung und ihren Beistand während meiner Zeit in Düsseldorf, Utrecht und Groningen danken. Schließlich möchte ich noch einem ganz besonderen Menschen in meinem Leben danken. Henrike, ich danke dir für deine Unterstützung und Liebe, die über all die Jahre des Studiums und der Fernbeziehung angehalten haben, auch wenn es sicher nicht immer leicht mit mir war.